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Dear Rabbi Hier,

Aplogies to you or if it was not you, to your assistant who phoned me the other night, night here, anyway. I am 80, in impaired health, keep convoluted hours from medical problems, had just awakened, did not hear clearly, and mistook the voice for that of another person in Los Angeles who knew I am abed at that hour.

I had not asked that you conduct any investigation. I asked only for any information you might have or could refer me to about Gerald Posner. I did not recall the name of the one Menegele survivor he said was his client. It turns out that about on this, too, he is not always entirely consistent as the enclosed indicate. I send these few things in the event you would like them on file.

Your telling me that a foreign government can be sued in the U.S. makes his explanation for dropping his client-after he had obtained 25,000 documents, even more interesting to me. In the enclose page from his book he does not even mention that case while supposedly thanking them. This also is typical of him in what interests me in his current book.

Why he would state that he went to three different law schools is to me provocative, as it is that the Martindale & Hubbell directory said he went to a tiny and little-known one so far from the fine ones where he live.

He exaggerates also about what does not seem entirely normal, his going to a very large and important firm from law school, even for the drudge work he did, in an IBM case where the discovery material was enormous. He did start his own firm but a friend in New York checked the records for me and he did not file a single law suit. And although he has not practised law for some years, gives the directory a current address for his supposed law office.

Two things struck me about his current book immediately. One is the extraordinary help he got from the CIA in not only producing the KGB defector, Yuri Nosenko, for an interview (misused in the book as a cover for what the CIA had already admitted and I had already published, which Posner did not include in his book) and for an appearance with Posner of nationwide TV, Nosenko's first public appearance since his 1962 defection. The other is Posner's compulsive need to put others down, to defame them. That is what reminded me he had done that with Simon Wiesenthal in Mengele. Of course I wondered whether in this he served other interests, with Wiesenthal and with the rest of us.

His going out of his way and without serving any ~~ned~~ need of his book to defame Wiesenthal is what led me to believe that you might have already done some research on this man I regard as a Judenrat.

It also occured to me that after his Mengele appeared there not only was an end to any interest in Mengele. There seemed to be a marked decrease in any interest in those wanted Nazis still alive. And then I wondered, if this is true, if any special interest is served by that.

Perhaps what I enclose referring to his client(s) may indicate to you where you may find some research material on file or may lead you to suggest where I may find it, if others had any such interest.

From what I know of this man it would not be unlikely if he had used those victims as an excuse for collecting the information that led to his book, particularly if they advanced the costs that from what I know he could not do. He appears to have had no income from the time he left that law firm. His wife, however, was then a model, as last year she told us she still is. Her name is Trisha.

From what he told me when he spent three days here last year, in February, he was writing a book exposing those who commercialize the JFK assassination with invalid conspiracy theories. While that is legitimate, that also can serve other interests. His book changed form last August, rather in 1992, when he stole the work of a firm that prepared a presentation to the bar convention to teach lawyers what can be done with modern computers. He is, really, a literary thief. That is not the only such thievery in his current book. It evolved as a defense of the untenable official "solution." And that, obviously, also serves other interests. And that is of special interest to me, not only for this book, either.

Except for the chapter on him as a person, his public record, the draft is completed. It leaves with little doubt that the book he evolved is as intendedly dishonest as any book I remember reading. He knew what he was doing when he did it.

That's my interest in him that led me to write you in the hope that either because of his inconscionable abuse of Wiesenthal and because of the strange business of the case he said he took for Berkowitz which it turns out from what you told me he said he dropped for an invalid reason but only after collecting the information that led to his book you might have some information or could direct me to it. Perhaps to Berkowitz of others in CANDEIS.

My apology for my typing. I regret it cannot be any better.

Sincerely,

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